[Mr. K. G. Paramesvaran Pillai.]

ing the abolition of the posts of the Inspectors of English and Vernacular Schools, the amalgamation of the English and Vernacular branches of the Education Department and the division of the State into two or three Ranges, placing each under the charge of a Range Inspector?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Reorganisation of the Secretariat.

60. **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any reorganisation was effected in the Secretariat in Chingom 1106;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether they had any proposal before them for the same when the Budget for 1106 was under preparation; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, why they did not include the same in the Budget for 1106?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) There was no regular reorganisation. But a few changes were effected in the number and pay of the superior officers and the distribution of work.

(*b*) and (*c*) The Government had not finally decided the changes at the time of the Budget session.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know when the question of these few changes, that have now been effected in the Secretariat, were first contemplated?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It was under contemplation for some time; but effective proposals were made only after the Finance Committee met and passed the Budget.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): When was it first proposed?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That was about a year ago. But, as I said, definite proposals were made only after the Finance Committee met and passed the Budget.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Was it felt that the scheme must be immediately put into execution without previous intimation to the Council?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes; because, if it was postponed it would have to be postponed for a year, and that delay was not considered desirable.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Were not the Government aware, at the time of the preparation of the Budget, that this was an important matter and that therefore it should be placed before the Finance Committee?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have already stated that effective proposals were made only after the Finance Committee meeting was over?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Though the question was before Government for about a year or so they

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could not make definite proposals before the Budget was placed before the Finance Committee. I wish to know what was the cause of this delay.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government did not come to any definite conclusion about the matter as to whether it was urgently necessary or not.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): So, the urgency was felt only after the meeting of the Finance Committee?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Action taken on petition from Rev. Fr. D. C. Antony.

61. **MR. D. C. JOSEPH** (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state what further action was taken on the petition of Rev. Fr. D. C. Antony as per Huzur Cutcherry letter D. Dis. No. 301 of 28/P. W., dated 16-3-1928, for opening an approach road to Asaripallam Village in the Agastisvaram taluk?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Government have not taken any further action in the matter as the interested parties have not given the undertakings asked for, as conditions precedent to the opening of the approach road, – *viz.*, interested parties should surrender the lands free of compensation, pay the cost of such lands as will have to be acquired and give an undertaking to meet all further amounts awarded by the Land Acquisition Officer or by Civil Courts.

Road to Asaripallam village.

62. **MR. D. C. JOSEPH** (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether steps have been taken to open a road to Asaripallam village and the other neighbouring villages in the Agastisvaram taluk?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The member is referred to the answer to interpellation No. 61.

Reorganisation of the Secretariat.

63. **MR. D. C. JOSEPH** (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the date on which the Secretariat reform of 1106 was effected; and

(*b*) the date of the Budget Session of the year 1105 in which it was discussed?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) There was no regular reform of the Secretariat during 1106 except certain changes in respect of the Secretaries and the Assistant Secetaries. This change was effected on 5-1-1106.

(*b*) The question was not discussed in the Budget Session of the year 1105.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I request the Secretary to read a little louder?

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